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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 3, 2008. Claims 1-10 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 11-19 have been added. Claims 11-19 would be pending upon entry of the amendment, with claim 11 being in independent form.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly indefinite. Claims 9 and 10 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 11-19. Applicant submits that the formal issues referenced in the Office Action have been addressed in new claims 11-19.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 7,230,733 to Adegawa.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is allowable over the cited art, for at least the reason that the cited art does not disclose or suggest the aspects of the present application that a communication management destination registration part configured to register a plurality of destinations, and for each registered destination, allow a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination via electronic mail through the electronic mail communication part and register the set reporting timings for the registered destination, wherein the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination.

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Adegawa, as understood by Applicant, proposes a method for managing communications in an Internet facsimile apparatus, wherein a communication management report is generated each time an error occurs in a transmission to a destination via the Internet. In addition, Adegawa proposes that the communication management report can be printed after each predetermined time interval.

However, Adegawa says nothing whatsoever regarding (a) registering a plurality of destinations, (b) for each registered destination, allowing a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination and registering the user-set reporting timings for the registered destination, and (c) the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination.

Instead, the communication management report is output in Adegawa at precanned timings that are not set by the user.

Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does **NOT** render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspects of the present application.

In view of the remarks hereinabove, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this amendment, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner

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is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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